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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF PEACE PROPOSALS WITH ASAD

REF: STATE 86108

1. YOU SHOULD SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR THAT IN
PARA. 3 REFTEL AS ADDITIONAL TALKING POINT FOR YOUR
DISCUSSION WITH ASAD ON PEACE PROCESS (WHEN IT OCCURS):

2. QUOTE PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER DISCUSSED
WITH KING HUSSEIN DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT THE QUESTION
OF HOW TO GET THE PEACE PROCESS STARTED. THEY EXPLORED IN
PARTICULAR WITH HIM THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL FRONTS
BASED ON AN END OF THE STATE OF WAR AND SUBSTANTIAL ISRAELI
TERRITORIAL WITHDRAWALS. KING HUSSEIN'S REACTION RELATED
PRIMARILY TO THE JORDANIAN ROLE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE
RABAT SUMMIT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT, IN VIEW OF THE
SUMMIT RESULTS HE WAS NO LONGER ABLE TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE
WEST BANK. HE DID NOT TURN DOWN THE ISRAELI CONCEPT ON

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ITS MERITS THOUGH HE ALSO DID NOT ENDORSE IT. UNQUOTE.

3. WHILE YOU SHOULD CONTINUE NOT TO PRESS TO SEE ASAD ON
THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY, IN CONVER-

SATION WITH DAOUDI, REMIND HIM THAT YOU HAVE INSTRUCTIONS
TO TAKE THIS UP WITH ASAD AT SOME POINT. KISSINGER

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